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1. In the summer of 1949, Hammerstein (P 54/N 00) was the railroad point for the troop training grounds of the same name. The railroad station had seven or eight standard-gauge tracks. About 200 meters east of the railroad station, the tracks were crossed by a north-south road. West of this road was a combined end-and-side loading ramp constructed of concrete. Three tracks led to the end ramp, and 30 railroad cars could be handled along the side-loading ramp. West of the concrete ramp was a smaller wooden side-loading ramp. *
2. Until late 1948, Soviet heavy guns, tanks and motor vehicles were observed at the railroad, which was then permanently occupied by Soviet soldiers.
3. No Soviet weapons and only individual Soviet soldiers were seen in the station area in the summer of 1949. Some piles of ammunition were still there.
4. During 1950, source learned from Polish civilians that the troop training area of Hammerstein was occupied by Polish Army units while the Soviets continued to use the troop training grounds of Gross Born (P 54/R 88). The continual rumble of artillery fire was heard from the troop training grounds at Hammerstein. **
5. In June 1945 a German Army camp, which had not suffered any war damage, was located about 1,500 meters west of the Hammerstein railroad station.
6. There was an ammunition depot west of this camp, north of the railroad line to Munstettin. The area of the depot, which was about 2 km long, extended as far as the Kueddow brook. From the railroad line several rows of small brick ammunition storage sheds could be seen under high trees. In late June 1945, hand grenades, artillery ammunition and packing material were still stored there.
7. A cantonment in which German PWs were quartered in 1945 was about 200 meters west of the Kueddow brook.
8. Up to 1949 the Munstettin railroad station was also used as a detraining point for the troop training grounds of Hammerstein. The railroad station

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had a stone side-loading ramp about 200 meters long. In 1949 ammunition piles guarded by Soviet soldiers were seen west of this ramp. There seemed to be ~~fewer~~ Soviet soldiers in the station area in 1948 and 1949 than in 1946 and 1947.

9. A Soviet ration supply depot was in the former German Army ration supply depot at the northwestern edge of the town, on the south side of the highway to Stargard. According to local residents, the Soviet units at the troop training grounds of Gross Born were also supplied by this depot.
10. Prior to the summer of 1949, both Soviet and Polish soldiers were seen in Stargard on various occasions. An occupied barracks installation was seen near the railroad line, south of the railroad station. The installation, which consisted of red brick buildings, was undamaged.
11. A ration supply depot of the German **armed forces**, which consisted of three large stone buildings, was located north of the railroad line to Stettin (O 54/Q 54). In the summer of 1949 the installation was used for military purposes.

* Comment. The troop training grounds of Hammerstein existed prior to 1944 up to 1945. It was a small installation.

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** Comment. Part of the troop training grounds of Gross Born, Camp West-Falenhof, has probably been used by Polish troops since 1949.

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elements of the Soviet 26th Gds Mecz Div are believed to be located in that part of the installation which was not used by the Poles.

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